



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 273 - SB 221

March 29, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (006763): Requires the Division of Health-Related Boards to consult the Board of Medical Examiners (BME) in the hiring of a medical consultant. Establishes that a licensed physician designated and authorized by the BME as a consultant is vested with the authority to review applications for licensure, assist in investigations, and to consult in disciplinary actions and settlement agreements. Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to provide biannual surveys to the BME for feedback and review of a medical consultant.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to information provided by the DOH, the BME currently employs a full-time medical consultant, in conjunction with the Board of Osteopathic Examination. The BME also utilizes other content-specific consultants to provide support to the Board.
- The proposed legislation does not require the hiring of an additional medical consultant.
- The BME and the Division of Health-Related Boards can consult in any future hiring utilizing existing personnel and resources.
- Any increase in expenditures to the DOH to provide biannual surveys to the BME will not be significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The BME had an annual surplus of \$937,379 in FY20-21, an annual surplus of \$902,739 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$3,289,036 on June 30, 2022.
- The Division of Health-Related Boards had a surplus of \$2,931,602 in FY20-21, a surplus of \$2,687,730 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$37,100,641 on June 30, 2022.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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